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PUBLIC HEALTH FACILITIES IMPROVED:
ONE HOSPITAL USES PLANES

Today, 16 hospitals are operating in Rovno, Lubac, Kostopol, Sarnakh, and some of the other cities. In addition, there are 4 maternity homes, 14 municipal dispensaries for ambulatory patients, 13 consultation offices, 13 sanitation-epidemiological stations, 12 child-welfare centers and 2 baby clinics. There are also large midwife and obstetrician's and nursing schools.

Rural populations have not been forgotten in the medical aid program. They can obtain service at 28 hospitals, 6 maternity homes, and 346 midwife and obstetrical stations. In addition, new hospitals are being constructed at Demidovka, Mlinova, Mareschna, Derazhno, and Klevan.

The qualifications of medical personnel are also improving. At present, there are 416 doctors and more than 2,000 medical workers of all types. All the public health units in Rovno are being staffed with doctors.

The USSR is giving more attention to the development of health facilities in the western oblaats. In 1949, more than 47 million rubles were assigned for public health measures and programs. A special medical aviation service has been organized at the Rovno Oblast Hospital. It is equipped with three planes which frequently fly blood into Mizoch, Sarny, Rokitno, and Goshchu.

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